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February 18, 2004

INFORMATION DISCLOSURE STATEMENT

The concise explanation of relevance for the non-English documents are provided in the English-language abstracts attached thereto.

The Examiner's attention is also directed to the following U.S. Applications:

<u>APPLICATION NO.</u>	<u>FILING DATE</u>	<u>GROUP ART UNIT</u>
10/601,678	June 24, 2003	Not Yet Assigned

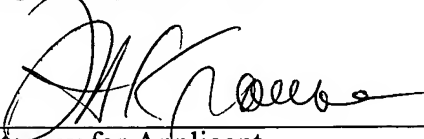
A copy of the cited Application is enclosed.

CONCLUSION

It is respectfully requested that the above information be considered by the Examiner and that a copy of the enclosed Form PTO-1449 be returned indicating that such information has been considered.

Applicant's undersigned attorney may be reached in our New York office by telephone at (212) 218-2100. All correspondence should continue to be directed to our address given below.

Respectfully submitted,

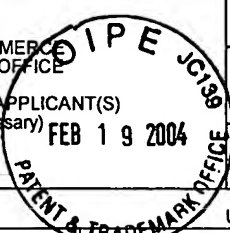


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FORM PTO 1449 (modified)		ATTY DOCKET NO. 03500.017724.		APPLICATION NO. 10/712,993	
U.S. DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE		APPLICANT MITSUHIRO SUGETA			
LIST OF REFERENCES CITED BY APPLICANT(S) (Use several sheets if necessary)		FILING DATE November 17, 2003		GROUP Not Yet Assigned	



U.S. PATENT DOCUMENTS							
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FOREIGN PATENT DOCUMENTS							
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EP 1 102 468 A2	05/23/01	EPO					
JP 2001-144901	05/25/01	Japan			Abstract		
JP 2002-77584	03/15/02	Japan			Abstract		

OTHER DOCUMENT(S) (Including Author, Title, Date, Pertinent Pages, Etc.)		

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